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ELINT COMMITTEE OF USIB

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AGENDA FOR

Thirteenth Meeting to be held at 1400 on Thursday,
19 March 1959, in the Director's Conference Room,
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency

Colonel Charles P. Richman, USAF, Chairman

<u>Subject Number</u>	<u>AGENDA ITEMS</u>	<u>Submitted by</u>
5.3/ EE-5.2/	1. Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting.	Secretariat
9.3/ EE-9.1/	2. ELINT Matters for Further Attention by the ELINT Committee. a. Consideration of draft terms of reference for the IR study prepared by the Chairman and the CIA Member. b. Consideration of Study on indicators prepared by the Technical Assistant and the NSA Member.	Chairman
EE-29./	3. [REDACTED] Consideration of draft policy statement prepared by the CIA and NSA Members.	Navy 25X1X7
EE-33.1/	4. [REDACTED] Consideration of draft terms of reference prepared by Technical Assistant.	Exec. Secy. 25X1D

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE USIB ELINT COMMITTEE

Colonel Charles P. Richman, USAF, Chairman

PRESENT:

<u>DEFENSE:</u>	Mr. Donald A. Borrmann	
<u>NSA:</u>	[REDACTED]	25X9A8
<u>CIA:</u>	[REDACTED]	25X1A9a
<u>ARMY:</u>	Mr. Grady C. Frank	
<u>NAVY:</u>	Commander Frederick W. Hitz, Jr. (for Captain William M. Stevens)	
<u>AIR FORCE:</u>	Lt. Colonel Louis J. Anderson (for Colonel William F. Scott)	
<u>JOINT STAFF:</u>	Colonel George E. Perry, USAF	
<u>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:</u>	Colonel Chas. M. Townsend, USAF	

ALSO PRESENT:

<u>TECHNICAL ASSISTANT:</u>	Mr. Philip G. Merta	
<u>CIA:</u>	[REDACTED]	25X1A9a
<u>ARMY:</u>	Arnie L. Millican, Lt. Col., USAR (Ret.)	
<u>NAVY:</u>	Commander Earle G. Hutchison Lt. Commander Harry B. Pitcher	
<u>SECRETARIAT:</u>	Lt. Colonel Arthur H. Baker, Jr., USAF [REDACTED]	25X1A9a

The Thirteenth Meeting of the USIB ELINT Committee was held at 1400 hours, 19 March 1959, in Room 117, Central Building, Central Intelligence Agency.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-~~5.2/38~~^{5.3/38} Item 1 on the Agenda for the Thirteenth Meeting of the
ELINT Committee, held on 19 March 1959.

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting.

PROBLEM:

To approve the Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the ELINT Committee which had been submitted to the Members.

DECISION: (19 March 1959)

The Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting were unanimously approved.

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Item 2 on the Agenda of the Thirteenth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 19 March 1959.

Subject: ELINT Matters for Further Attention by the ELINT Committee.

PROBLEM:

a. To establish an ad hoc committee on [REDACTED] and to approve Terms of Reference for its activities. 25X1D

b. To consider scope and further action required on the ELINT Indicator List submitted by the ~~NSA Member and~~ Technical Assistant.

DISCUSSION:

a. Ad Hoc Committee [REDACTED]

The Chairman identified the problem as raised by the Strong Task Force, and requested consideration of the Terms of Reference which he had prepared with the CIA Member.

The Members reviewed the draft and made some minor amendments. With these changes the Terms of Reference were accepted.

There was some discussion on the applicability of various aspects of [REDACTED] to ELINT, and as had been noted in the previous meeting (Item 5, 12th meeting), the Members considered that some phases of [REDACTED] if not all, might not properly be considered ELINT matters. However, the Chairman stated that the ad hoc committee should draw its own conclusions in the matter and make appropriate recommendations. The main purpose, nevertheless, would be to determine the best way to utilize the capabilities of the [REDACTED] 25X1D

It was agreed that the ad hoc committee should be chaired by the Technical Assistant, with membership from NSA, CIA, Army, Navy and Air Force.

b. Study on ELINT Indicators

The NSA Member advised the Committee that he was not prepared to resolve the problem at this meeting and requested deferment of consideration. He noted that considerable progress had been made on the problem, and hoped to have a paper for Committee consideration by next regular meeting, if not earlier. The CIA Member noted that this matter should be resolved as soon as possible and suggested that the Committee might

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consider a special meeting to review the NSA report. The Chairman advised that he would review the NSA paper and consider whether circumstances required a special meeting.

DECISION: (19 March 1959)

a. To appoint an ad hoc committee to study [REDACTED] matters. Technical Assistant to chair this group with membership from NSA, CIA, Army, Navy and Air Force. To approve the Terms of Reference as amended.

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b. To defer resolution of the matter of ELINT Indicators until the next regular meeting, unless circumstances dictate earlier consideration at a special meeting.

ACTION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

NSA/Technical Assistant - Prepare study on ELINT Indicators as noted in Discussion (b) above.

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USIB-EE-29./15 Item 3 on the Agenda of the Thirteenth Meeting of the
ELINT Committee, held on 19 March 1959.

Subject: Policy on Release of ELINT.

PROBLEM:

To consider action required to establish a firm policy on the matter of release to foreign governments of ELINT information, materials, and equipment.

DISCUSSION:

The NSA Member circulated a progress report which he had prepared with the CIA Member. This outlined conclusions reached in consultation, and contained recommendations for further action.

The Members concurred in the recommended approach, and authorized NSA and CIA to proceed along the lines suggested.

There was some discussion on the interpretation of the term "ELINT" as comprising intercept, information, and ELINT materials and equipment. It was agreed that the policy on release should include both intercept and information.

The Members concurred in the recommendation that the final publication should be in the form of a DCID. It was agreed that such a document should be concise and succinct, concerned with broad principles rather than minutiae of procedures.

DECISION: (19 March 1959)

To proceed with preparation of a final paper on the subject for consideration at the next regular meeting.

ACTION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

NSA/CIA - Prepare paper noted in decision.

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USIB-EE-33.1/5 Item 4 on the Agenda of the Thirteenth Meeting of the
ELINT Committee, held on 19 March 1959.

Subject:

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PROBLEM:

To consider draft Terms of Reference prepared by the Technical Assistant.

DISCUSSION:

The Members considered the Terms of Reference which had been prepared by the Technical Assistant in consonance with the paper which had been approved by the COMINT Committee and submitted to the ELINT Committee for consideration.

The Members generally agreed with the need for such a study as recommended by the COMINT Committee, but effected some changes in the Terms of Reference to bring them in consonance with the requirements for such an estimate. It was also agreed that both Committees should recommend to USIB that the Scientific Intelligence Committee prepare the estimate. After acceptance by the COMINT Committee of the proposed changes, it was recommended that the Chairman of the two Committees should coordinate with the Chairman of the SIC prior to submission of the matter to the Board.

The CIA Member noted that classification of an eventual combined COMINT/ELINT document could bring security and handling problems. It was recommended that this matter should be given due consideration in the coordinating phase prior to publication of the final document.

The NSA Member noted that the item on 'Security of System', Section III, Paragraph 1b(4), was extremely sensitive and that any detailed discussion of the matter would probably involve restricted security categories. The Chairman recommended that each Member exercise due precaution in any contribution to the final document.

DECISION: (19 March 1959)

To approve the Terms of Reference as amended, and forward to the COMINT Committee, recommending concurrence prior to coordination with the SIC and subsequent submission to USIB.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

1. The Thirteenth Meeting, 19 March 1959, came to order at 1400.

2. The CIA Member touched on the matter of Project [REDACTED] (concerned
[REDACTED] CIA is examining the problem with con-
tinuing interest in the collection of five types of information. He
noted that OSI will soon circulate a paper through regular requirement
channels, and he advised the Members of the scope of the forthcoming
paper.

3. The meeting adjourned at 1615.

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